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China keeps a tight rein on investment in mobile phone market

China

The Chinese government has enacted new regulations allowing domestic and foreign companies to establish joint ventures to target this, the world's largest mobile phone market. However, investors continue to complain about an over-complex, lengthy and capricious government approval process. [Full text](#)

ISPs may not escape liability under draft Hate Speech Protocol

International

The Council of Europe has drafted a Hate Speech Protocol which provides that an ISP must intend to distribute racist material to be held criminally liable. It is unclear, however, whether notice plus failure to block or take down the material would constitute intent. [Full text](#)

Communications industry to feel burden of new data retention rules

United Kingdom

The UK communications industry will be hit by a double whammy of new data retention rules very soon. The Code on Access to Communications Data will be brought into force this month, and a further draft code on data retention under new anti-terrorist legislation is set to be unveiled shortly thereafter. [Full text](#)

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